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1. THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WAS SLIGHTLY AMENDED TODAY AUGUEST 1 IN CONVERSATIONS WITH CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL AHMED ABDUL WAHAB AND HIS DEPUTY MANSOUR KHURAIJI IN TAIF. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SAUDIS NOW WANT THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT 1630 RPT 1630 TO PERMIT PRINCE SAUD, WHO WILL BE ENGAGED IN AN OFFICIAL MEETING, TIME TO REACH THE AIRPORT.

2. SCHEDULE AND SCENARIO.

AUGUST 7
1630 SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT ARRIVES. MET AT PLANESIDE BY FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL, AMBASSADOR WEST AND MRS WEST, DCM WILEY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ROYAL PROTOCOL. PROCEED TO VIP LOUNGE FOR BRIEF WELCOMING COFFEE. PRESS WILL BE ADMITTED FOR PHOTOGRAPHS BUT SAUDIS PREFER NO ARRIVAL STATEMENTS OR PRESS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
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1640 DEPART AIRPORT FOR ROYAL GUEST HOUSE. ALL PERSONS WHO WILL NOT BE WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE WELCOMING SESSION IN THE VIP LOUNGE SHOULD PROCEED TO THEIR CARS AS SOON AS POSSBILE AFTER DEBARKING FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THEY WILL BE MET BY ESCORT OFFICERS. THE MOTORCADE WILL DEPART THE AIRPORT SMARTLY WHEN THE SECRETARY HAS ENTERED

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HIS LIMOUSINE. DELAYING ENTERING THE VEHICLES UNTIL
THE SECRETARY HAS DONE SO MIGHT MEAN BEING LEFT BEHIND
BY THE MOTORCADE AND DELAYED ARRIVAL AT THE GUEST HOUSE.

1710 ARRIVE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL
ESCORT THE SECRETARY TO SMALL SALON IMMEDIATELY TO
THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE DOOR AND MAY REMAIN FOR
INITIAL TALKS. US ATTENDEES TO INCLUDE OFFICIAL
PARTY, AMBASSADOR WEST, PLUS DCM WILEY AND MR SABBAGH.

1725 (APPROXIMATELY) PRINCE SAUD DEPARTS. SECRETARY
PROCEEDS TO HIS SUITE. FREE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
AMBASSADOR WEST AND EMBASSY STAFF.

1950 SECRETARY DEPARTS GUEST HOUSE FOR THE HOME OF THE
LATE KING FAISAL IN TAIF.

2000 STAG WORKING DINNER HOSTED BY PRINCE SAUD. THERE
WILL BE NO TOASTS. (DINNER FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF
PARTY WILL BE SERVED AT GUEST HOUSE. THOSE STAYING
AT OTHER LOCATIONS MAY EAT WHERE THEY ARE STAYING.)

2130 (APPROXIMATE) DINNER ENDS.

AUGUST 8
0800 (OR WHEN DESIRED) BREAKFAST. SECRETARY AND MRS
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VANCE AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST CAN ORDER BREAK-
FAST IN THEIR ROOMS. BREAKFAST WILL ALSO BE SERVED
IN DINING ROOM ON GROUND FLOOR. (AFTER BREAKFAST
THE SECRETARY MAY WANT TO BE FREE FOR A MEETING WITH
PRINCE SAUD.)

1025 DEPART BY MOTORCADE TO ROYAL DIWAN (KING'S WORKING
PALACE). PALACE WILL RECONFIRM THE DEPARTURE TIME
BY TELEPHONE.

1030 ARRIVE AT DIWAN FOR CALL ON KING KHALID. (ROYAL
PROTOCOL SAID THAT THE MEETING COULD BE AS SHORT
AS 15 MINUTES OR AS LONG AS AN HOUR, DEPENDING ON
THE KING'S WISHES.) THERE WILL BE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

1130 (APPROXIMATE) THE SECRETARY WILL WALK NEXT DOOR
(2-3 MINUTES ON FOOT) TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S OFFICE
FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS.

1230 SMALL PRIVATE WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY CROWN PRINCE FAHD
AT HOME OF KAMAL ADHAM IN AL HADA, A RESORT AREA ON THE

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OUTSKIRTS OF TAIF. THIS LUNCH WILL PROBABLY
BREAK UP AROUND 1600.

2000 DINNER FOR THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY AT THE
GUEST HOUSE.

AUGUST 9
0800 (OR WHEN DESIRED) BREAKFAST

1045 (APPROXIMATE) FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD ARRIVES
TO ESCORT SECRETARY TO AIRPORT.

1125 ARRIVE AIRPORT. SECRETARY WILL BE SERVED COFFEE
AND HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILL MAKE BRIEF DEPARTURE
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STATEMENTS FOLLOWED BY SHORT QUESTION AND ANSWER
PERIOD. PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN.

1150 SECRETARY BOARDS AIRCRAFT.

3. WE WILL BE FORWARDING ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE FOR
MRS VANCE BY SEPTEL.
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